



## **Rear Admiral Robert M. Clark, USNR Deputy Commander U.S. Second Fleet**

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Rear Admiral Bob Clark is a native of Eastern Pennsylvania where he attended Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales. He earned his degree in Economics, minor in Mathematics, graduated with honors finishing first in his department and received the Lambda Omega Chi Award for Excellence in Economics. He then entered OCS in Newport, RI and commissioned in December 1972. After attending the initial prototype Surface Warfare Officer School, he was assigned his first of four sea tours.

In January 1973, he reported aboard USS Newport (LST-1179). His recently commissioned ship performed REFTRA, AOTU and extended joint operations in the Caribbean, North Atlantic and Eastlant. RADM Clark then transferred to USS Truett (FF-1095) for a brief tour and UNITAS cruise as CIC Officer enroute Destroyer School in April 1976. After graduating from SWOS Department Head School, Class 52, in September 1976, he reported aboard USS Johnston (DD-821) as Operations Officer where he earned 2 Battle "E"s, 6 Departmental Awards (CIC, ASW, Communications) and his ship was runner-up for the prestigious Arleigh Burke Award as the most improved ship in the US Atlantic Fleet. In February 1979, RADM Clark was Operations Officer for Destroyer Squadron Thirty (CDS-30) where he coordinated CDS-30 activities and rotated the flag across six DD's and maintained an extremely high level of Op Tempo for these units. He was selected for PG school and as an Olmsted scholar for a follow-on tour but he finished his initial active duty in October 1980 at CDS-30.

Since his transfer to Naval Reserve in 1980, RADM Clark has been assigned: Fleet Training Group, COMNAVSURFLANT, COMNAVSURFGRU MED, CINCUSNAVEUR and the Staff of REDCOM 4. He has successfully completed tours up through Commanding Officer, Chief Staff Officer and Chief of Staff. RADM Clark was recalled overseas during Operation Desert Storm ('90/'91) to CINCUSNAVEUR where he spent six months as Acting N51, Plans Branch Head and an active participant in ongoing operations. After multiple assignments to senior operational staffs, RADM Clark was selected in October 1997 to be the first naval reservist assigned to a CINC staff to serve and function as the Chief of Staff (R) and was an active participant in Kosovo and normal staff operations. RADM Clark has served as a Senior Observer/Evaluator for Navy Crisis Action Center (CAC) exercises, CNE representative to Total Force '93-'95 war games, and numerous national level collateral duties.

Effective 1 October 1999, RADM Clark assumed his first Flag assignment and was dual hatted as Commander, Military Sealift Command, Atlantic and Europe (Mobilization). Significant collateral duties included: Functional analysis of the Naval Control of Shipping (NCS) organization; QMB for Manpower, Recruiting and Retention 2010; QMB for NR O-5/O-6 Command/Non-Command Screening Board Internet Application Process; J4 for GLOBAL 2000 war game, and numerous projects relating to Military Sealift Command. Effective 1 October 2001, RADM Clark assumed his present duties as Deputy Commander SECOND Fleet embarked aboard USS Mount Whitney

(LCC/JCC-20) and serves as the only sea-based combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) in the world. Significant collateral duties include: Deputy CJTF for various Battle Group JTFEX's; Numbered Fleet Model Manager for AADC Fleet Introduction; QMB Chair for NR O-5/O-6 Command/Non-Command Screening Board Internet Application Process; QMB Chair for NR SWO Mentoring Program; War Games and numerous projects relating to SECOND Fleet. As of 18 May 2002, RADM Clark assumed concurrent Additional Duties as Commander, Readiness Command Mid-Atlantic, headquartered at the Washington Navy Yard.

RADM Clark holds all Surface Warfare qualifications up to and including Command-at-Sea. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal; six Navy Commendation Medals, Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Battle Efficiency "E", National Defense with bronze star, three Sea Service, seven Overseas Service, Armed Forces Reserve with "M" and silver hourglass, and Expert Pistol with silver "E".

In his civilian occupation, RADM Clark is President of BC International, Inc., a global electric power industry consultant company (nuclear/fossil) engaged in addressing technical, operational and market issues in the US and overseas as the impact of deregulation and privatization drive dramatic changes. He is currently focused on the US electric power utilities and the emerging markets in Central/Eastern Europe. He sits on the Board of Directors for several domestic/international companies.

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